GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4893
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KOSHI GANDAK IRRIGATION PROJECT
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several irrigation projects of Bihar are pending with the Union Government for approval for very long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken/propose to be taken by the Union Government to start execution work on Gandak and Koshi Irrigation Project Phase-II; and

(d) the time by which the work on this project is likely to commence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Ten irrigation projects of Bihar are pending with the Union Government for want of compliance by State Government on the observations of Central appraising agencies. The clearance of the projects depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government and the promptness with which the compliance with the comments of the Central appraising agencies is attended by the State Government. A meeting was convened by the Union Government under the Chairmanship of Member (WP&P),C W C on October 18,1995 to discuss and review the issues on the approval of Gandak Project and Koshi Project Phase-II,wherein the representatives of the State Government of Bihar expressed their inability to submit the compliance of the comments of various Central appraising agencies and preparation of revised estimate due to acute shortage of funds with them. Accordingly, the two projects were sent back to the State Government in February 1996. The State Government of Bihar has not submitted the revised project proposals so far. As per the details in annual plan documents of the year 1999- 2000 of Government of Bihar no outlays have been provided for these projects for the year 1999-2000. Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments from their own resources.